

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, Applicants amended claims 1, 7, 9 and 10, and cancelled claims 60-89. Claims 1, 7-10 and 12-38 are presented for examination.

Claim 1 and its dependent claims 7-10 and 12-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones. Applicants amended claim 1 to cover methods that include monitoring voltages of a set of fuel cells in a fuel cell stack, and restricting coolant flow through the fuel cell stack when one or more of the monitored voltages decreases from a predetermined voltage range. Jones does not disclose such methods. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 7-10 and 12-23.


Claims 60-89 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones. Applicants cancelled claims 60-89, so the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 24-38 are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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